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For	:	NOVEL MICROORGANISM ISOLATED FROM CHINESE ELM(ULMUS SP.) AND PROCESS FOR PREPARING LIGNOPOLYSACCHARIDES BY EMPLOYING THE MICROORGANISM)
Examiner	:	Vera Afremova)

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Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated September 27, 2001 in the above-identified application.

Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-11). Applicants, however, traverse the restriction requirement because the examination of Groups II-V would not add unreasonable search burden to the Examiner in view of the fact that all of the pending claims are related.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the foregoing election, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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